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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

In paragraph 5 of the Action, claims 13, 19-21, 23-24, 26, 31-32, 34-35, 37-45 and 47-52 stand allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying claims that are allowable.

In paragraph 6, claims 29-30 are indicated to be allowable, but dependent upon a rejected claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying claims that are allowable.

In paragraph 1, claims 46 and 53-55 are objected to as being of improper dependent form. Applicants have corrected the claim dependencies. Consequently, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 4, claims 4 and 36 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Claim 4 has been amended so that it depends upon claim 1.

Claim 36 refers to the polyester film of the first polyester film layer and the second polyester film layer is polyethylene terephthalate film. Claim 36 depends, through other claims, on claim 13. Claim 13 refers to a first polyester film layer and a second polyester film layer.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 3, claims 1, 28, 33 and 56-59 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Kotani US 5,766,751 and US 5,969,029.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reason that the Kotani patents do not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

All of the rejected claims are focused on a laminate comprising a layer of a polyester film that has been coated with a polyallylamine coating that is adjacent to, and in direct contact with, at least one other polymeric layer comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of: ethylene acid copolymer ionomers; polyurethanes; polyvinyl chlorides; polyacetals; and ethylene acid copolymers, wherein the polyallylamine coating adheres the polyester film to the at least one other polymeric layer, or manufacture or use thereof.

Applicants submit that the Kotani patents, and particularly the portions referred to in the Action, do not teach such laminates (or manufacture or use thereof). Concerning this point, the Action refers to Kotani as teaching use of ionomers in such a structure. Applicants claims are focused on use of a variety of polymeric layers, including those made from ethylene acid copolymer ionomers. Applicants submit that neither of the Kotani patents teaches such a polymer layer or use thereof in the claimed laminates.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Should this rejection be maintained, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner point to the specific portions of the cited patents that are being relied upon to support the rejection.

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Claim Amendments

In addition to the amendments mentioned above, the claims are amended to replace "ionoplast resin" with "ethylene acid copolymer ionomers." This amendment merely substitutes the definition into the claims to make it easier to understand the claims. (See, e.g., page 4, lines 2-3.)

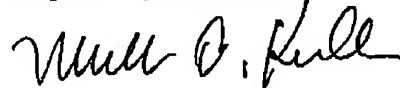
Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

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In view of the Response and the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Should any matters be unresolved by this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial number in order to expedite prosecution.

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